

New claims 28-46 have been copied from U.S. Patent No. 5,446,024 in order to preserve applicants' right to enter into an interference at a later date. Support for the copied claims can be found throughout the specification at, *inter alia*, page 20, line 11 through page 21, line 3; page 31, line 17 through page 32, line 8; page 33, line 24 through page 34, line 2; and page 35, lines 23-35 where reverse phase columns are described, as well as resins, solvents, elution buffers and other conditions for use with the columns. Applicants submit that the conditions that are not expressly called out in the specification, e.g., pore size and particle diameters, would be inherent based on the particular resins described and exemplified in the application.

Further support for the copied claims can be found at page 15, line 18 through page 16, line 35; page 19, line 34 through page 20, line 10; page 28, lines 2-14; page 30, line 27 through page 31, line 16; page 32, lines 26-32; page 33, lines 15-23; and page 34, lines 20-27 where cation exchange columns and conditions for use are described.

Finally, support for the hydrophobic interaction chromatography steps recited in e.g., claims 14-19 of the '024 patent can be found at page 19, lines 3-33; page 29, line 27 through page 30, line 20; page 33, lines 3-14; and page 35, lines 5-10.

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Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments.

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